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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/817,018

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: SUPPORTING STRUCTURE OF OPTICAL ELEMENT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME, AND MANUFACTURING) METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice dated February 4, 2003, and entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."